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Mr. Ron Bachman
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
3310 El Camino Ave, Suite 130
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Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act - Fish Screens

Dear Mr. Bachman:

The CALFED Management Team has identified a need for uniform approaches to fish screen issues. To that end they would like your response to the following questions:

1. Are you and your steering committee or technical committee, developing fish screen criteria or performance measures which can be used by all regulatory or resource agencies?
2. Are you or your steering committee developing assurances or guarantees that a screen, constructed and operated to your criteria, will remain satisfactory for compliance with the endangered species acts for a reasonable period of time with or without additional listings?
3. In addition to the general guidelines in the Act, have you or your steering committee developed policy as to how you would cost-share fish screen projects? Do you intend to share operation and maintenance costs?

The CALFED Executive Team will meet to discuss this issue on November 8, 1996. We would appreciate your response prior to that date. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
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CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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